

Did the story of humanity begin with a failure?

The duty of an Islamic Scholar is to grant the people pearls of his wisdom and knowledge. He saves you from ignorance and impudence. However, in this era, there are some ignorant people amongst us who are considered knowledgeable. One example of this is the person who said that “the story of humanity begins with a failure” in his Facebook status update. Not only this, he claimed that it was not hard for our father Prophet Adam عليه السلام “to withstand the trial” as there were uncountable trees in Paradise معاذ الله. Any Muslim with a respectful heart cannot even dare to repeat the ignorant and disrespectful words that the man used. Why are people like him revered? Who is to blame for the comments of ignorant people like these? Undoubtedly, it is the people who follow him blindly, the people who ignore his faults. It is indeed our fault that we have not refuted his previous disrespectful statements, because of which he got the motivation to continue on with his insolent behavior. Thus, now it is our duty to refute these kind of so-called scholars publically until they openly repent from their remarks and promise to never do it again.

Scholars say that other than reciting it in the Quran, mentioning this narrative of Prophet Adam is Haraam. This means that it is not allowed for anyone to talk about this, unless they are reciting any Ayah of the Quran. The Prophets are Ma’sum (protected from sins). It is not possible for the Prophets to commit sins. Experts also claim that it is not logical to believe that Prophets can even commit minor sins. For, we are told to follow each and every actions and commands of theirs. However, if we were to believe that they can commit minor sins, then it would be impossible to distinguish whether a certain act of theirs was permissible or not and it would not be sensible to follow them unconditionally. Hence, it is imperative upon us to believe that they cannot commit any type of sin, major or minor. That is why we have to follow each and every action of theirs blindly.

The legendary scholars have stated many different opinions regarding the forbidden tree. One of the opinion states that it was not Haraam to eat the fruit of that tree. Rather, it was just Khilaaf e Aula (unadvised/lightly disliked). Acting on something Khilaf e Aula is not a sin. Another Narration says that the tree they ate from was not the pointed one. Rather, it was some other tree. The actual prohibition was from all the trees that fell under the category of the forbidden tree. Most narrations state that it was a vine tree that was forbidden. Therefore, Allah meant “do not go near any of the vine trees”, by just indicating towards that one tree. However, Prophet Adam عليه السلام derived the ruling that it is just that specific tree. Misunderstanding during derivation of a ruling is also not a sin.

However, since Allah عزوجل is the Lord of the entire creation, it is his divine wisdom that he held his beloved people accountable for a misunderstanding in derivation of rulings, or even for merely committing a disliked act. Allah عزوجل is the creator of the mankind, and he is superior to all the creations. He can use any type of words he wants for his beloved people. However, any Muslim cannot dare to use words like those regarding the Prophets عليهم السلام. This can be

understood by this example of a King, whose parents scold him. By looking at the behavior of his parents, if the regular courtiers start disparaging him in this manner, what will be their consequences? Any sane person can predict this. Similarly, what would be the consequence of the one who speaks against the beloved Prophets of Allah?

Therefore, it would be urged to all the Muslims to be away and keep their children away from these types of so-called scholars who preach ignorance and disrespect. The real salvation lies in being respectful and following the path of the beloved Prophet ﷺ, his blessed companions, and the devoted saints of Islam after them. They never pointed fingers at any beloved person of Allah. Nor did they talk about any beloved person disrespectfully. Our Deen is all about love and respect. Therefore, quit the company of people who don't teach you respect. Follow the ones who preach love and respect. May Allah make us from the respectable ones. May Allah save us from the company of insolent people. May Allah keep our creeds pure and safe from every type of deviancy. آمين يا رب العالمين بجاه النبي الامين ﷺ

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